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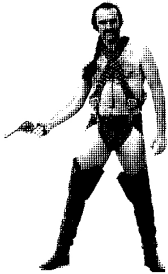
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Who the authors of these cheap pamphlets are, we know not; but we cannot withhold from them our honor and respect.

Massachusetts Medical Society, 1849



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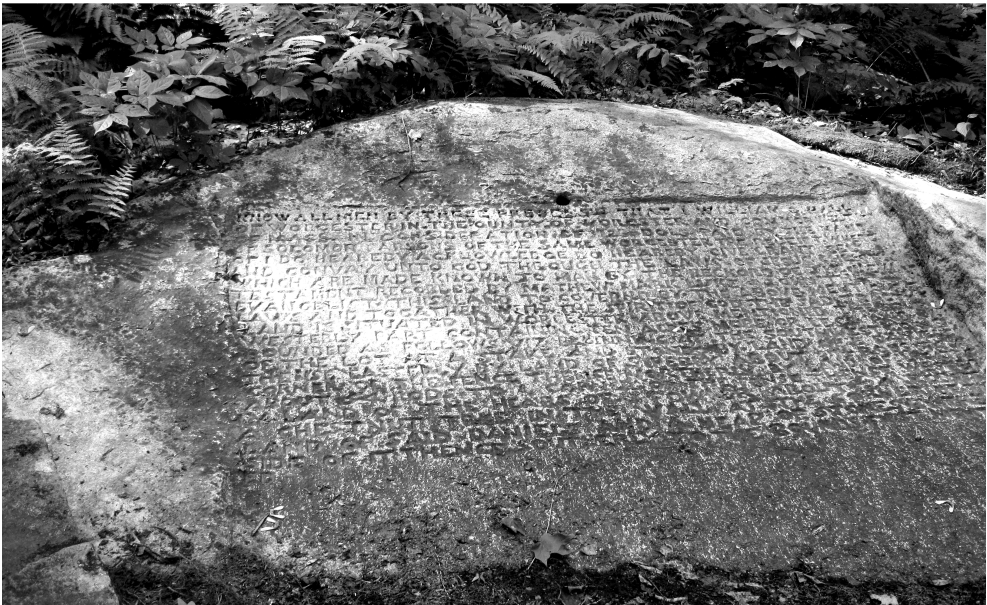
Movie Review: Zardoz
I used to think this movie starred Burt Reynolds, but have come to the realization that Sean Connery had the mustache first. Let's just say that I liked the movie, and that I really mean it. The movie starts with a floating stone head that pukes guns and ammunition. These weapons are traded with the brutals for grain that is later made into green bread(?) for the consumption of the eternal. For eternal there is no death, just rebirth or a sentence to old age (represented by actual physical aging, and becoming more British). The brutals are the lower class of mass killers/rapists, and the movie is about these two groups coming together. The movie looks good with accurate costumes and musical scores to the time period. Was this the male Barbarella? (Mike Leslie)

Pamphlet Review: "The Temptations of City Life"
"The Temptations of City Life" is the title of the third of the excellent "Tracts for Cities," publishing by J. S. Redfield, Clinton-Hall. It commends itself especially to all young men who are seeking a home and fortune in large cities. (The Knickerbocker, 1849)



The Dark Mazes & Perilous Labyrinths of a Modern Sodom

On almost every corner, some saloon brilliantly lighted, opens its attractive portals. It is furnished on a scale of the richest luxury, with splendid mirrors, costly divans, easy lounges, and tables covered with late journals and pictorial works. Paintings of great artistic merit, arranged on the walls, and exhibiting the nude and seductive forms of female beauty, appeal to the ardent passions of youth; and corresponding music in sweetest strains steals upon his senses. Captivated by such scenes, unsuspecting youth repeats his visits, finds other similar resorts, and finally is in the habit of being abroad every night, and is found at his boarding-house only for his meals and late lodgings. He visits all the distinguished saloons, refectories, bowling-alleys, theatres, gambling-hells, and other abodes of affiliated infamy. (*The Temptations of City Life: A Voice to Young Men Seeking a Home and Fortune, in Large Towns and Cities*, 1849)



(Patricia Kirkpatrick)

Worcester Man Seals Holy Land Deal with Rocky Record

By the time Solomon Parsons and God's Acre came together, he had already gone through two incarnations and was in the process of a third. Solomon Parsons, JR., was born in 1800. When he was 12, his family moved to a farm in Valley Falls (near today's South High School). His father was a Revolutionary War veteran and helped found the First Baptist Church in Worcester. Solomon continued in his father's steps as a farmer, a soldier, and a church founder—in his case, the First Methodist Episcopal Church of Worcester.

Sometime around 1840, Parsons went through a second religious conversion, and became a follower of a Vermont preacher named William Miller, who taught that the Second Coming of Christ would occur in 1844. Parsons's devotion to Miller caused many changes in his life. He became a vegetarian and a pacifist. And he bought 10 acres on Rattlesnake Hill from William G. Hall.

Parsons was not buying the land for himself. He and Hall had their agreement carved into a large rock—the Deed Rock—with Hall deeding his land to God. Parsons would go on to build a temple to God and continue to practice his religion there, even after Miller's incorrect predictions of the end of the world led to the Great Disappointment.

The land, known as God's Acre, is still there, wooded and beautiful, and the Deed Rock is there as well, near the ruins of Solomon's temple, quietly waiting for its owner. (Nicole Apostola)



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to This Laptop?
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Answers to Quiz Corner
1. H; 2. A; 3. F; 4. D; 5. B; 6. J; 7. C;
8. E; 9. G; 10. I (Yes, the motorcycle
one is Public Health. I don't get it,
either.)

The Regard of Flight
These worksheets will be good to do
on the plane because sometimes
flying can be kind of boring.

And exciting. Because when you fly
you can get service. (smiles) And you
can look out your window, and see
interesting stuff...

Cool. Well, let's get back to this
math lesson.

....like a floating shark. Like a mad
scientist could make one. First you
just give it some Shark Tylenol or
something, then you take some
weight out of it. Then you have to
give it some strong fins. Then take
out some weight, maybe 400 pounds.
How much do sharks weigh?

I don't know.

Then, that's really it.

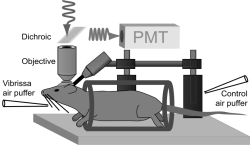
You'd kind of have to give it like, uh,
more wings because like feathers,
and like feet! To help it land!

Maybe not feathers, but like scales.

(Justin Duffy)



Fluctuating and Sensory-Induced
Vasodynamics in Rodent Cortex
Extend Arteriole Capacity
Neural activity in the brain is
followed by localized changes in
blood flow and volume. We address
the relative change in volume for
arteriole vs. venous blood within
primary vibrissa cortex of awake,
head-fixed mice. Two-photon laser-
scanning microscopy was used to
measure spontaneous and sensory
evoked changes in flow and volume
at the level of single vessels. We find
that arterioles exhibit slow (<1 Hz)
spontaneous increases in their
diameter, as well as pronounced
dilation in response to both punctate
and prolonged stimulation of the
contralateral vibrissae. In contrast,
venules dilate only in response to
prolonged stimulation. We conclude
that stimulation that occurs on the
time scale of natural stimuli leads to
a net increase in the reservoir of
arteriole blood. Thus, a "bagpipe"
model that highlights arteriole
dilation should augment the current
"balloon" model of venous distension
in the interpretation of fMRI images.
(Patrick J. Drew et. al. For more see
pnas.org/cgi/doi/10.1073/pnas.110042
8108)



GIRLS ALWAYS WIN: Child zombie on the set of “Republic of the Grave,” a movie
shot in Worcester by local youth. It premiered June 11. (photo: Hannah Kurman)

This Month in Objective Reality

We begin with a poem, which like love(r), lasts until abandonment. “Two
truths approach each other. One comes from outside, the other from
within. Where they meet we have a chance to catch sight of ourselves.”
Or, “I do best alone at night alone with the secrets my lamp has set free
from the day that asks too much....”

We live on a construction site where everything shivers, shadows
seemingly more real than the tangible bodies themselves. I, the turnstile,
the road map, the mile marker. I, the open road, the blank canvas—white
washed with the light of each morning; linking revolutions, wandering
from Nothing to All and back again. Ever attempting Everything.

On the day the world ends I fill my cup and walk the horizon, outskirts
the abyss and forget it all...crossing all thresholds I remember everything.
Perfectly. (Sarah Herold)

Quiz Corner

BY ADAM VILLANI

Your Quizmaster recently attended the doctoral hooding ceremony (i.e.,
the graduation for Ph.D. candidates) for his brother-in-law at a major
research university. He was struck by the intrigue presented by the
dissertation titles listed in the program. Some are straightforward; some
are vague; and some are just puzzling. Can you match the doctoral
dissertation titles with the major field of study?

From the hundreds of dissertations in the program, I've listed one title
from each of the following ten majors: A. Art History; B. Biology; C.
Chemistry; D. Computer Science; E. Economics; F. History; G.
Musicology; H. Physics; I. Public Health (DPH, not a Ph.D.); J. Urban
Planning. Here are the dissertation titles:

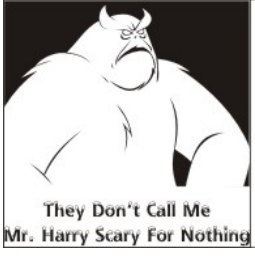
- Exploring the Spontaneous Oscillations of the Bullfrog Sacculus
- When Muslims Masquerade: Lo Gue Performance in Southwestern
Burkina Faso
- German Wine and the Fermentation of Modern Taste, 1850–1914
- Finding Categories
- Colony founding strategies in harvester ants of the genus
Pogonomyrmex: An evolutionary cost-benefit analysis
- Getting Into Hot Water Problematizing Hot Water Service Demand:
The Case of Old Cairo
- Copper Promoted Coupling of Vinyl Boronates with Alcohols: A Mild
Synthesis of Allyl Vinyl Ethers; and Cellular Imaging and Synthesis of
the Calcium Sensor Fluoresceindigalactose-Bisaminophenoxyethane-
N,N,N',N'-Tetraacetic Acid-Acetoxymethyl Ester
- Essays in Applied Theory
- Mistuning the World: A Cultural History of Tuning and
Temperament in the Seventeenth Century (This is my brother-in-
law's dissertation.)
- Models for Motorcycle Grand Prix Racing (This one's a real stumper.)

Recipe: Iced Tea a la CSD
To make a half gallon of tea:
• Brew 16 single tea bags in a quart
of bowling water.
• Add 1 cup of mint leaves plucked
from the garden and packed down.
Be generous.
• Steep for five minutes or more.
• Strain tea and mint.
• Add 1 c. sugar and juice of 3–4
lemons.
• Pour over a pitcher of ice.
• Garnish with fresh mint leaves.

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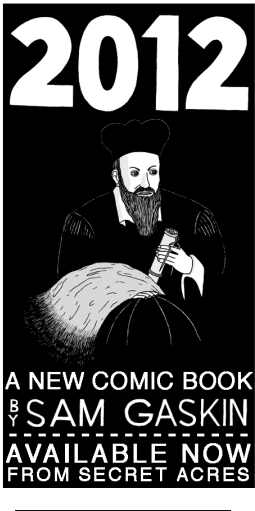
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